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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL YMCA CONVENTION IN KAMPALA

1. IN VIEW STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH UGANDA AND RECENT INCIDENTS AND STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT AMIN, DEPT HAS INFORMED U.S. YMCA ORGANIZATION THAT WE RECOMMEND AGAINST TRAVEL TO UGANGA AT THIS TIME BY ITS 125 MEMBERS AND FAMILIES PLANNING TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL YMCA CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN KAMPALA JULY 17-26.

2. ON JULY 10 DEPT ASST SEC REICH (CU) INFORMED OFFICE OF U.S. YMCA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR HOWARD KUSTERMAN TO THIS EFFECT. KUSTERMAN HAD ALREADY DEPARTED FOR AFRICA, WHERE HE AND SOME OTHER YMCA MEMBERS ARE MAKING A NUMBER OF STOPS PRIOR KAMPALA CONFERENCE. REICH ASKED THAT HIS MESSAGE BE CONVEYED TO OTHERS IN OFFICE AND TO KUSTERMAN IN FIELD.

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3. ON JULY 11 JOHN O'MELIA OF YMCA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN NEW YORK CALLED DEPT TO ASK FOR OUR VIEWS. DEPOFF REITERATED OUR RECOMMENDATION. O'MELIA CALLED DEPT AGAIN LATER IN DAY TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD MET WITH WHAT WAS LEFT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND INFORMED OTHERS OF OUR RECOMMENDATION AND HAD PLACED CALL TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YMCA (US) ROBERT HARLAN IN NAIROBI TO WHOM HE WOULD RELAY MESSAGE. HE SAID HARLAN AND GROUP OF YMCA MEMBERS ARE DUE TO BE BRIEFED BY EMBASSY NAIROBI AT 10 A.M. JULY 12.

4. FOR NAIROBI: EMBASSY SHOULD REITERATE OUR RECOMMENDATION TO HARLAN AND REQUEST THAT HE AND OTHER YMCA DELEGATES TREAT IT WITH DISCRETION.

5. FOR KAMPALA: EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FONMIN THAT THIS GROUP ARRIVING. (O'MELIA SAID HE WOULD DELIVER LIST OF ALL NAMES OF MEMBERS US CONTINGENT TO EMBASSY UPON HIS ARRIVAL KAMPALA.) ROGERS

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